



## FROM THE QUILL OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES OF SKRAELING ALTHING

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Greetings unto the great  
Barony of Skaeling Althing  
from your devoted Baron  
Giovanni and Baroness Lucia

King Trambrand and Queen  
Kayla have decreed that those  
in their Kingdom declare  
publicly “their favourite

things” about the Kingdom, and about the society.

Our favourite things are you, the people of the Barony  
of Skraeling Althing.

We are full of pride as we watch Our Skraelings  
travel within this Kingdom and within the Known  
World. We are moved by those who wear their  
bestowed Bunny Tails with Baronial pride as a favour  
on their person, proclaiming to the world that they are  
one of Ours.

Our Barony continues to work together to help make  
this land more than it ever has been. We have people  
from all parts of Skraeling Althing on Our Baronial  
Council and feel that all of Our cantons are having  
their views aired and their needs represented. We also  
continue the tradition of having well respected  
citizens on the Kingdom Privy Council with the  
appointment of Baroness Keresteken Janzdochtere as

the Kingdom Seneschal. Our Barony is blessed by,  
and known for, its service.

While Our Barony thrives, We must not rest idle. To  
that end we must also make our efforts to introduce  
new people to Our society. The same weekend as  
Murder Melee, the Skraeling Demo Team will be at  
the Upper Canada Village Medieval Festival.  
Baronial Chatelaine, Lady Eluned fetch Angor, will  
be there with the Demo Team Lead THL Constance  
of Caldrihig. This festival will be followed by the  
Osgoode Medieval Festival on July 13 & 14. When  
the Demo Team was at ComicCon, in May, they were  
recognized as the same group who participated in  
those events in the past, so these particular demos are  
getting Our Barony noticed by those who are not yet  
honoured members of this illustrious Barony.

Finally, this fall, We will be sharing the best of Our  
Barony with the Kingdom as We host Fall  
Coronation. We look forward to seeing Our visitors  
from other parts in the kingdom, and beyond,  
surprised and amazed by Our hospitality as they are  
welcomed.

In your service

Baron Giovanni and Baroness Lucia



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# Skraeling Althing Chronicle

## EALDORMERE SPRING CROWN TOURNAMENT, MAY XLVIII



Their Royal Majesties, Trumbrand the Wanderer & Kaylah the Cheerful.



Baron Giovanni and Baroness Lucia, Barony of Skraeling Althing, observe the tourney.

After much glorious battle, the line of the North has been secured by Earl Nigel MacFarlane and Countess Adrielle Kerrec. Wassail!





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Mordain and Aelfwyn, residents of the Barony of Skraeling Althing, battle it out on the Crown Lists.



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## A FEAST TO REMEMBER

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Food is a staple of life. There's no denying that we all have to eat to live, but there's nothing to say that food can't be entertainment as well. Lord Edhan de Bruce presented his first feast at Break the Back of Winter.

It was a truly amazing first time feast that was not only delicious, but made the whole hall laugh out loud! Wassail Lord Edhan!

### Crocodiles in the Nile Marsh

- Baby spring greens, radish, carrot, oil, vinegar spices, cucumber, Naan bread & Hummus



### Home Baked Bread and Honey Butter

- Who can resist!



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## Fish in the Ocean & Fish in the Pond

- Fish in a lemon sauce; Cabbages in a butter sauce, onions, leeks



## Chicken in Barley

- Battered chicken over a barley frumenty
- Battered turnips and carrots over spinach, chick peas, onions



## Sheep in a Pea Field

- Cauliflower, olives, peaspods



## Pigs in a Vegetable Field

- Roast pork with carrots, turnips, onions, leeks





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## Stag in a Pound

- Tortiere of deer, beef, pork, onions, cloves, salt, pastry

## Neeps in a Pound

- Frytours of Pasternakes, and skerrits - a pie of turnips



## Hippopotami

- Pears in red wine, cloves





## PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF ANACHRONISM

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The weekend of May 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, the Barony of Skraeling Althing took part for the first time at Ottawa ComicCon. Throughout the weekend, members of the Barony bravely manned our booth (under the watchful eye of the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service's recruitment crew). We had the great pleasure of introducing people to the SCA for the first time, welcoming back those who have played in the past and all the while mixing Medieval with other elements of Science Fiction and Fan Culture. Highlights for us included serenades of Klingon opera, impromptu naalbinding lessons, and the numbers who remembered seeing us at both the Upper Canada Village Medieval Festival and the Osgoode Medieval Festival.

Overall, we spoke to thousands of people. And we are hopeful that a number of those faces will again be seen at our local events in the future.

Before the end of the weekend, we made another valuable connection with the Ottawa Geek Market. The Barony has been invited to participate in this fall's event the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at the Carleton University Field House. If anyone is interested in helping out with the planning for that weekend or being present at the Market please feel free to contact:

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### WHAT IS THE OTTAWA GEEK MARKET?



The Ottawa Geek Market is a non-profit company devoted to creating amazing geeky shopping experiences in the Ottawa region.

The event was established with three

main goals in mind:

1. To provide local geeky artisans, vendors and shopkeepers with an opportunity to sell their awesome items
2. To celebrate the thriving geeky community in Ottawa in a fun and safe environment, and
3. To donate as much money as we can to local charities

This year, the Ottawa Geek Market will be donating proceeds (divided equally) to the Kids Help Phone, Jer's Vision and the Ottawa Distress Center.

Check out their website at <http://geekmarket.ca/>

Yours in service,  
Lady Eluned verch Angor  
Baronial Chatelaine



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## TALES FROM THE CON

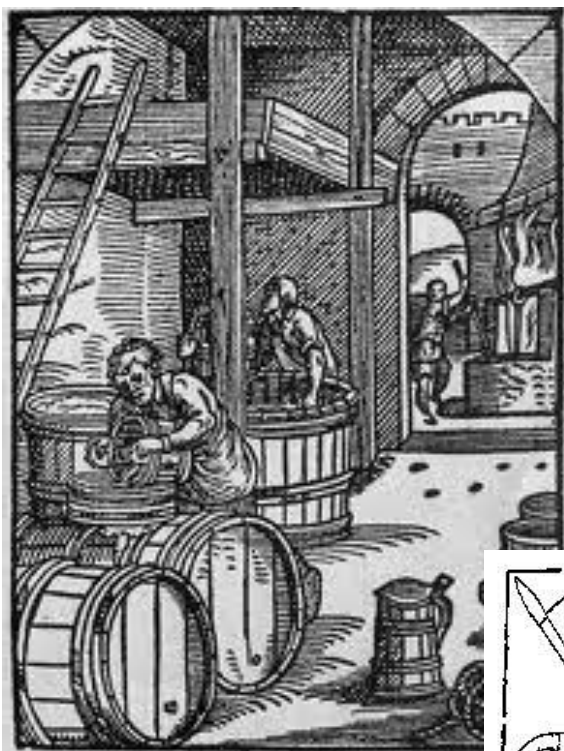


## OTTAWA ComicCon

Our tireless  
recruiter brings  
two new members  
to the fold.  
Extermination  
coming soon to a  
Canton near you.

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WOODCUT IMAGES FROM THE POST CARDS GIVEN OUT AT  
COMICCON:







CHECK IT OUT!

## THE KINGDOM OF EALDORMERE WIKI

It is my hope that the wiki can be a great resource for our populace. Scribes can look up persona details or heraldry. Artisans can find others with the same interest. Kingdom customs and traditions can be recorded. But it needs your help - please sign up for an account and add what you can.



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### Ealdormere

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#### The Kingdom of Ealdormere

Encompassing most of the province of Ontario, Canada, Ealdormere became the sixteenth kingdom of the *Known World* in October, A.S. XXXIII (1998). Before this, from A.S. XXIII (1988) to A.S. XXXIII, Ealdormere was a principality of the *Midrealm*, encompassing several pre-existing baronies.

Located in the province of Ontario in Canada, Ealdormere encompasses most of southern and central Ontario, excepting Essex County around the city of Windsor, which is part of the *Shire of Starleaf Gate* in the *Midrealm*, and a large portion of Northern Ontario, including Thunder Bay, which is part of the Kingdom of *Northshield*. Currently Ealdormere consists of five *Baronies* and four *Shires*.

Ealdormere's symbols are the *Trillium* (a three-pointed white flower common to the region) and the *wolf*. These are combined in the populace badge of Ealdormere. Ealdormereans often use the term "the Northlands" as a synonym for Ealdormere (this is possibly a reference to the Canadian national anthem, or to the local popularity of Norse personas).

Ealdormere enjoys the reputation of having an unusually strong sense of "national identity" within the SCA, possibly stemming from its *difficult birth* and the deliberate efforts of its artisans and poets.

#### Current Royalty

The current *King* and *Queen* of Ealdormere are Trumbrand II and Kaylah II.

The *Crown Prince* and *Crown Princess* are Nigel II and Adrielle II.

#### History

##### Early Days

In A.S. IX, then-Count *Finnvarr de Taashe* and others founded the Canton of *Eoforwic* in Toronto. This was the first SCA group in to be founded in Canada, and grew quickly. In A.S. XIII, the Barony of *Septentria* and its Canton of *Skraeling Althing* (both now baronies) are founded.

Much of the early history of Ealdormere can be found in the *Chronicles of Eoforwic*.

##### The Ban on Regions

The *Ban on Regions*, also known as *King Alen's Ban* or *Alen's Proscription*, was an edict published in the April A.S. XX edition of *The Pale* forbidding the use of local "regional" organizations beyond those *Shires* and *Baronies* recognized by the Crown. Combined with a change in *Middle Kingdom* law raising the requirements for becoming a *Principality*, the Ban was punitive measure attempting the halt the growth of "regionalism" in the *Midrealm*.

*Directed specifically against Ealdormere, the Ban had a great impact on Ealdormerean culture and history.*



The Achievement of the Kingdom of Ealdormere



The arms of the Kingdom of Ealdormere are: Gules, a trillium flower affronty argent, barbed vert, within a laurel wreath, in chief a coronet argent.

<http://ealdormere.ca/wiki/index.php?title=Ealdormere>

A new feature has recently been added to the Ealdormere wiki. Now you can sort people by interest - think of it as an A&S directory.

[http://ealdormere.ca/wiki/index.php?title=Category%3APeople\\_by\\_Interest](http://ealdormere.ca/wiki/index.php?title=Category%3APeople_by_Interest)

If you want to get a persona page set up for yourself but don't know how - just send me a message. I am happy to get you started and answer questions.

Yours in service,  
Lady Eluned verch Angor  
Baronial Chatelaine



## ON THE ROAD TO PENNSIC? DON'T FORGET THE ESSENTIALS

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Whether it's your first trip, or your 42<sup>nd</sup> trip, to the Pennsic War, planning your trip is essential to ensuring that you enjoy yourself to the fullest.

You've paid your fees, have some friends you're sharing a group site with and have even made some special garb.

Pennsic is only a month or so away and now you're thinking about packing.

**Make a list. Go over it. A lot. Now do it again.**

Packing for Pennsic is not something you do the night before you leave.

There are some great resources available for both the experienced, and the novice, Pennsic-goer on the internet. Find them, read them, use them to help you make your packing list.

Check out the official Pennsic War website at: [www.pennsicwar.org](http://www.pennsicwar.org). From there, you can find plenty of resources to get you started.

If you camp at all, then you know that Mother Nature can throw the most amazing weather at you at the worst possible moment. You will be spending one to two weeks with only your tent for shelter, your campfire for warmth and food, and the portable washrooms for sanitation. For some of you, this may be your first trip south of the Canadian border.

Temperatures in Pennsylvania can go from 40C during the day to 10C during the night (sometimes lower, sometimes higher). There are thunderstorms, strong winds, and an entire mass of people singing, dancing, drumming and otherwise keeping you awake at night.

From a high-level, there are some basic categories of items that you'll need:

- Camping Gear
- Kitchen and Cooking items
- Clothing: Garb and Mundane wear
- Personal Items
- Feast Gear
- Grooming: There's nothing worse than furry teeth for 2 weeks
- Combat or A&S Gear:  
The reason you're going to Pennsic is to have fun, if you don't bring your toys, you may not be able to buy replacements on-site, though chances are good someone will have something you can borrow
- Extras:  
Can't sleep without music or a book to read? Bring those little extras that will make the experience more comfortable.





### Things to remember:

- **YOU WILL GET WET.**

Bring a few pieces of extra clothing. You will not regret the space it takes up. If it's not from rain, or an impromptu dunking in a pond, just sweating will make clothes unbearable.

- **Don't think you won't need mundane clothing.**

The locals are used to everyone running around in funny clothes, but sometimes you just want a pair of jeans and a t-shirt to go into town in.

Your garb may be beautiful, but full Elizabethan is not an easy thing to drive a car in. Even if you can, do you really WANT TO?

- **Wear sunblock.**

For those of you that are lucky enough to not burn easily... Wassail!

For the rest of you, I can hear you sighing and saying "Yes Mom" from here. But trust me, you might forget the bug bites, the cold nights, and falling in the mud when you had too much to drink, but you won't forget about missing all the fun because you got sunburnt and ended up in the hospital.

There are medics on-site, but they can't work miracles for you. Sorry.

P.S. Drink lots of water! Heat stroke is as bad than sunburn!

### If you forgot something - Don't Panic.

If you arrive at Pennsic and realize you've forgotten something critical, there are people that can help. There's a town nearby, there are resources on-site and 90% of the items you might have forgotten can be purchased or borrowed.

Just bring a bit more money than you think you'll need for an emergency fund.

- **Leave space in your car for the return trip**

Members of the SCA are confirmed shop-a-holics. When you see that one-of-a-kind-only-at-Pennsic-can't-be-mailordered-I-must-have-it-now item, you want to make sure you can take it home with you. However, it's pretty difficult to drive home with a full-size loom in your lap, so try to be practical.

- **Above all, have FUN!**

Even if you get to Pennsic with only the clothes you're wearing, you're with friends, or people who are about to become friends, all of whom want you to enjoy the experience to the fullest.

Go to Pennsic with an open mind and enthusiasm and you'll come home with memories that you'll cherish, forever.



## HARROWGATE HEATH HOSTS FIRST ARCHERY PRACTICE OF THE SUMMER

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Tuesday, May 28th, was the first of many archery practices to be held in the eastern lands of Harrowgate Heath. The first practice of the year was well attended with 16 shooters, counting Lord Edhan, ranging from across the length and breadth of Harrowgate Heath as well as four travelers from the lands of Caldriethig, a couple of whom are totally new to target archery. There were a number of different bows that were shared between the shooters but the long bows were the most popular. Many of the long bows present were the product of Harrowgate Heath's newest bowyer Lord Michel du Maine (a.k.a Michael Warcrafter).

The current plan is to have archery practice every Tuesday at 6:00pm. Find us on Tuesday at 18319 Street Road in Cornwall (from the 401, north on exit 796, right onto Street Road and about 2-3km on the left) We start set-up around 6pm with arrows flying soon after. Some loaner bows are available and many of us will let you borrow equipment. Attendees are asked to park their vehicles by the house and walk down the farm road, left of the barn, to the field where we set up. Please let out a yell as you round the corner so we do not inadvertently skewer anyone.

Lord Edhan of Greyfells is working in our lands again this summer and is lending his support and experience to the populace of his temporary home. As always his dedication to the training of archers and Archery Marshalls is greatly appreciated. We also extend our deepest gratitude to Lord Edhan's landlords who are kind enough to allow the use of an empty field for practice.

Kaðlín of Harrowgate Heath







## SEND ME YOUR CONTENT!

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The Skraeling Althing Chronicle is the newsletter for the Barony of Skraeling Althing.

Published quarterly, the Chronicle is a source of information about news and activities from across the Barony.

We're always looking for stories and content for upcoming issues of the Chronicle. Ideas for stories could include:

- Historical pieces about people or events from the early days of Skraeling Althing and our groups
- Details on A&S projects you've been working on or research you're doing
- Persona profiles
- Reports from events and demos you've attended
- Artwork (illumination, etc.)
- Photos from events or of SCA activities

The ideal article length is between 200 and 400 words, although for special issues longer articles may also be needed.

Send it all in!

Giana Gabriella di Milano,  
Baronial Chronicler, Barony of Skraeling Althing

### Getting the Chronicle

There are many ways you can get a copy of the Chronicle.

In addition to the PDF posted on the Baronial web page, (starting with the May 2010 issue), you can subscribe to receive an e-mail when the latest issue of the Chronicle becomes available. All you have to do is send an e-mail to the [Chronicler](#).

You can join our Facebook group - Skraeling Althing Chronicle - to stay in touch and find out when new issues are published.

A limited number of hard copies are also available at events - just ask the [Chronicler](#).





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## CHOIR OF CALDRITHIG PRODUCES ALBUM

### May 2013 - "Reflections"

This recording was produced as a keepsake before some choir members moved away. It was recorded on a laptop in a friend's living room, and mixed in his basement, with occasional assistance from the household pets.

Check it out at: <http://choral.anonymuse.ca/recordings.shtml>

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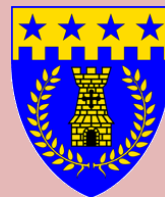


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## UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

<b>June 15-16</b>	<b>Summer Siege</b> , Hosted by Harrowgate Heath Details can be found at <a href="http://summersiege.harrowgateheath.com">http://summersiege.harrowgateheath.com</a>
<b>June 20-23</b>	<b>Known World Dance and Music Symposium X</b> Website: <a href="http://kwdms.org/">http://kwdms.org/</a> additional information to be found at <a href="http://eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2325">http://eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.html?eid=2325</a>
<b>June 27-July 1</b>	<b>Trillium War</b> , Hosted by the Canton of Ardchreag Details can be found at <a href="http://septentria.ca/trillium_war_2013/index.shtml">http://septentria.ca/trillium_war_2013/index.shtml</a>
<b>July 5-7</b>	<b>Baronial Muster</b> , Hosted by the Barony of Skraeling Althing A Baronial camping event.
<b>July 11-14</b>	<b>Osgoode Medieval Festival</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Scribal Althing</b> , Hosted by the Canton of Caldrihtig
<b>Aug. 29-Sept. 2</b>	<b>Baron's Howe</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>Icelandic Althing</b> , Hosted by the Canton of Eoforwic
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Fall Coronation</b> , hosted by the Canton of Harrowgate Heath Details can be found at <a href="http://coronation.harrowgateheath.com">http://coronation.harrowgateheath.com</a>

More details on Kingdom events can be found on the Kingdom of Ealdormere web page at <http://www.ealdormere.ca/>



## BARONIAL GATHERINGS

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### Practices and Meetings

Please contact the local group to confirm details for specific scheduled gatherings.

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#### **Harrowgate Heath**

##### **Canton Meetings**

First Sunday of the month

##### **Scribal nights**

7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month

##### **Armouring & General A&S**

7:30 to 9:30 pm every Monday

##### **Armoured Combat Practice**

Thursdays at 7 pm

##### **Archery**

Schedule varies month to month

##### **Dance Practice**

Schedule varies month to month

#### **Tor Brant**

Gatherings vary from month to month.

Please contact the group to confirm the next scheduled activity.

#### **Caldrithig**

##### **Armoured Combat Practice**

Wednesdays at 7 pm

##### **Rapier Practice**

Thursdays at 8 pm

##### **Choir Practice**

Sundays at 1:30 pm

##### **Canton Meetings**

Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 4 pm

##### **Instrumental Practices**

Sundays at 12:00 pm

#### **Greyfells**

##### **Canton Meetings**

Meetings held from 2:00-6:00 pm every Sunday  
(often includes A&S and other activities)

##### **Rapier Practice**

Tuesdays at 7 pm

#### **In this issue:**

Photos from the Break the Back of Winter Feast by the Eleanor de Grismontes, Feast prepared by Lee Sperry  
Photos from Crown Tournament 2013 provided by David Gotlieb

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